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SUBJECT: WMO/UNDP HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PROJECT FOR SAHEL;
DONORS' MEETING

REFERENCE: A. GENEVA 8645 B. STATE 288919

1. DOCUMENT 2 FOR SUBJECT MEETING, WHICH DEALS WITH AGENDA ITEM THREE - ESTABLISHMENT OF A FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PREVIOUSLY CALLED "STEERING COMMITTEE"), AIRMAILED TO DAVID SHEAR, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA REGIONAL AFFAIRS, AID, DECEMBER 16.

2. SECRETARIAT AGREES TO MAKE FRENCH TRANSLATION OF SUMMARY US SURVEY REPORT IF OF MODERATE LENGTH. SUMMARY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SECRETARIAT BEFORE 24 DECEMBER. EVEN IF RECEIVED BY THAT DATE, DOCUMENT CANNOT BE CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE DUE INTERRUPTIONS OF HOLIDAY PERIOD.

3. 25 COPIES OF FULL US REPORT WILL BE NEEDED FOR CIRCULATION AT DONORS' MEETING.

4. REF B RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE CONSIDERED IN SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. INFORMAL COMMENTS
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OF SECRETARIAT ON REF B, INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING FUNDING,

FOLLOW.

5. REGARDING QUESTION RAISED IN REF B PARA 3A, SECRETARIAT POINTS OUT THAT PROJECT PROCEDURES WILL PROVIDE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL DATA AND FORECASTS TO APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES AND OTHER CONCERNED OFFICIALS IN CILLS COUNTRIES. PROVISION IS ALSO MADE FOR REGULAR RADIO BROADCASTS TO FARMERS AND FIELD OFFICIALS OF AGROMETEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT THESE AND SIMILAR MEASURES WILL PROVIDE SUITABLE INFORMATION FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS AND FOR DECISIONS RELATING TO CROP PRODUCTION AND USAGE.

6. ON QUESTION OF REF B PARA 3B, SECRETARIAT POINTS OUT THAT CILLS COUNTRIES ARE AT BOTTOM END OF DEVELOPMENT SCALE AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE AT THIS STAGE THE NECESSARY COUNTRY COUNTERPART SUPPORT. THEY SUGGEST THAT THE FORMER COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS (FRANCE PARTICULARLY) ARE ALREADY MAKING SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION AND WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR SOME PERIOD. THEY ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE BENEFITS FROM THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS SHOULD BECOME CLEAR TO CILLS AUTHORITIES SO THAT THEY WILL RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE PART IN THESE PROGRAMS.

7. REGARDING QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B PARA 4 OF MEANS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT THE DRAFT PROCEDURES PRESENTED IN DOCUMENT 2 OF THE MEETING CAN ACCOMMODATE THE TWO ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED BY THE U.S. THEY ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT EARMARKING OF FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE DONE TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE BASIC PROGRAMS COVERED IN THE PROJECT PROPOSAL. THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY WORKED OUT WITH THE CILLS COUNTRIES AND THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS, THEY FEEL, TO IMPLEMENT THEM. THEY RECOGNIZE THE INTEREST OF THE U.S. IN CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT BUT HOPE THAT THESE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN HARMONY WITH THE CENTRAL AIMS OF THE PROJECT.

8. SECRETARIAT HAS REMINDED US THAT, AS WITH ALL UNDP AND SIMILAR PROJECTS, THERE WILL BE 14 PERCENT OVERHEAD COST IMPOSED BY IT FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROJECTS. THIS COST WILL BE LEVIED ON THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTION BY UNDP AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMBERS.

9. COMMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT AND AID ON THE SECRETARIAT VIEWS AND THE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DONORS' MEETING WOULD STILL BE HELPFUL, AND IF ANY OF THESE ARE SUCH THAT THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS A DOCUMENT TO THE MEETING, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO RECEIVE THESE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.DALE

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